

-DEC. 30, 2003-

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Manager of the City of Fresno, (559 - 621-1332) 2101 "G" Street, Fresno, CA 93706.

ONE (1) WATER TENDER

(Bid File No. 2437)

Bid Proposal forms, Instructions to Bidders, and copies of the plans and/or specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Purchasing Manager.

Bid Proposals must be filed with the Purchasing Manager prior to the bid opening at **3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2003**, when the bids will be publicly opened and recorded.

All proposals must be made on the Bid Proposal Form provided by the Purchasing Manager and must be accompanied by a Bid Deposit in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) in the form of a certified or cashier's check, an irrevocable letter of credit, or a certificate of deposit or a bidder's bond executed by a corporate surety, admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in California, payable and acceptable to the City of Fresno; or the Bidder shall have registered with the Purchasing Manager of the City an annual bid bond sufficient to provide coverage in such amount. Bid Deposits will be refunded after a Contract has been executed with the successful Bidder or all bids have been rejected.

The City of Fresno hereby notifies all Bidders that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied any benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or on any other basis prohibited by law.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, in the Training Room Municipal Corporation Yard, Building "A", 2101 "G" Street, Fresno, California. Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. City Staff will be present to discuss the bid process and answer any questions regarding the Specifications.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.